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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJ: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ANGOLA

REF: STATE 54259, STATE 56281, STATE 60342

1. EMBASSY FURNISHED MFA WITH AUTHORIZED PORTIONS OF REFTELS.
IN RETURN, MFA OFFICERS JAN AF SILLEN (DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN
AFFAIRS BUREAU), AND GORAN HASSELMARK (AFRICAN DESK OFFICER)
PROVIDED EMBOFFS WITH RUNDOWN OF PRESENT MFA THINKING ON
ANGOLAN SITUATION.

2. IN MFA VIEW, MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA HAS STABILIZED
OVER PAST SIX MONTHS. WHILE UNITA REMAINS A FORCE TO BE
RECKONED WITH IN SOUTH, FNLA HAS FIZZLED OUT IN THE NORTH.
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IN CABINDA, ACTIVITY HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, AFFECTED BY
A MARKED DECREASE IN POPULATION.

3. SWEDISH MISSIONARY SOURCES HAVE REPORTED TERRORIST ATTACKS,
LOOTING, AND ATROCITIES NEAR THE NAMIBIAN BORDER. BLACK SOUTH
AFRICANS AND SOME WHITES HAVE BEEN SEEN FIGHTING ALONGSIDE
UNITA. AN INCREASED NUMBER OF TROOPS ARE REPORTEDLY ENGAGED

IN THE STRUGGLE, MANY FLOWN IN DIRECTLY FROM TRAINING CAMPS
IN ZAIRE.

4. SWEDES SEE POTENTIAL THREAT TO NETO'S LEADERSHIP POSITION,
BUT PERCEIVE NO LONG-RUN OBSTACLES TO CONTINUED MPLA DOMINATION
OF POLITICAL SCENE. NETO IS VIEWED AS A POET AND IDEOLOGUE,
UNCHARISMATIC AND DULL. HIS PERSONAL GRIP ON THE REIGNS OF
POWER HAS UNDOUBTEDLY ERODED. MPLA, THOUGH LACKING THE GRASS
ROOTS BASE OF ITS FRELIMO COUSINS IN MOZAMBIQUE, HAS A FIRM
IDEOLOGICAL UNDERPINNING AND A SOLID URBAN BASE. UNITA, ON
THE OTHER HAND, HAS NO POSITIVE POLITICAL CREDO TO EXPOUND.
ITS MESSAGE IS NEGATIVE, SOLELY AN OPPOSITION TO THOSE PRESENT-
LY IN POSER. IT HAS NO STRONGHOLDS IN THE CITIES. ITS
RESOURCES ARE STRAINED. THE SWEDES BELIEVE THAT UNITA COULD
NOT SURVIVE A MAJOR CHANGE IN NAMIBIA. ABSENT A CONVINCING
IDEOLOGY AND AN URBAN BASE, THE ADDED STRAIN ON ITS
RESOURCES WOULD SPELL ITS DEATH KNOLL AND THE MOVEMENT MIGHT
WELL JUST FADE AWAY OVER TIME.

5. ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE VISITING STOCKHOLM TOWARDS
THE END OF APRIL. SWEDES MAY HAVE MORE TO PROVIDE THEREAFTER.
GIVEN HIGH PROFILE OF AFRICAN ISSUES IN STOCKHOLM, EMBASSY SEES
CONTINUED UTILITY IN THIS INTERCHANGE.
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